

**Regular Town Board Meeting
Town of Tuxedo Town Board
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The Regular Town Board Meeting of the Town of Tuxedo was held on Monday, June 08, 2020 via WebEx, and called to order by Supervisor English at 7:05pm.

A recording of the meeting will be available on the Tuxedo YouTube site.

The meeting was opened by a pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Town Board Members Present:	Ms. Maria May	Councilmember
	Mr. David McMillen	Councilmember
	Mr. Jay Reichgott	Councilmember
	Mrs. Michele Lindsay	Deputy Supervisor
	Mr. Ken English	Supervisor

Town Board Members Absent: None

Other Town Officials Present:

Ms. Marissa Weiss, Esq.: Police Chief, Arthur Abbott; Superintendent of Highway, Robert Dollbaum; Mr. John Banyo Planning Board, Mr. Frank Peverly, ZBA Chair.

Recording Secretary: Donna Matthews **Town Clerk**

MINUTES:

Minutes

RESOLVED, motion made by Supervisor English seconded by Councilmember McMillen to accept the minutes of the regular by-monthly Town Board Meeting held via WebEx on May 27, 2020.

ON ROLL-CALL VOTE;	Councilmember	Maria May	Aye
	Councilmember:	David McMillen	Aye
	Councilmember :	Jay Reichgott	Aye
	Deputy Supervisor:	Michele Lindsay	couldn't vote due to
technical difficulties	Supervisor:	Kenneth English	Aye

The Town Board acknowledges they are in receipt of the Monthly reports from:

- Dog Control
- Justice Court
- Tuxedo PD
- Town Clerk

TOWN SUPERVISOR/TOWN BOARD UPDATE:

**Supervisor/Board
Update**

Supervisor English reported that the Town has been having Zoning Workshops. They are led by the Town Planner, Bonnie Franson, who has been doing a fantastic job. He said it is a great way for residents to learn more about our Zoning and express any issues. Deputy Supervisor Lindsay alerted residents that this is the workshop phase and that there will be Public Hearings in the future so that residents can ask questions and speak of their ideas and concerns. Supervisor English touched on the Covid issues as well as the protesting and issues in Minneapolis. There have been some poignant demonstrations locally. The Village of Tuxedo Park held a demonstration last week. The Supervisor recited the Pledge and said those values bring questions and we need to work together. When we say the words we need to live by them. He said the Tuxedo PD is grateful for our support during this time. He reported he had heard some Town residents that want to host an assembly to voice their views. There was a discussion on this subject regarding if the Town Board has anything to do for this. They were told that if the people want to hold a rally on Town property they will need insurance and permits that they can obtain from Supervisor Secretary, Shari Brooks. They are permitted however to walk on the sidewalks freely. Deputy Supervisor Lindsay said that she worried about the safety issue there. Councilmember McMillen supports the people's right to express what they are feeling.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Public Comments

There were none.

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Agenda Items

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Resolution for Promotional Appointment to Police Sergeant:

**Promotion Police
Sergeant**

RESOLVED, motion made by Supervisor English, seconded by Councilmember Reichgott,

WHEREAS, the Town has a vacancy in the Sergeant's position created by the recent retirement of Sgt. Decker; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Collective Bargaining Agreement, proportional vacancies must be timely filled; and

WHEREAS, there is a Civil Service Promotional list designating Officer Eichengreen as an eligible candidate; and

WHEREAS the Board has interviewed Officer Eichengreen and believes he has the requisite knowledge, character, experience to be a highly effective sergeant in the Town Police force;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Officer Eichengreen is hereby promoted to the position of Sergeant with the compensation and benefits according to the collective bargaining agreement.

ON ROLL-CALL VOTE;	Councilmember:	Maria May	Aye
	Councilmember:	David McMillen	Aye
	Councilmember :	Jay Reichgott	Aye
	Deputy Supervisor:	Michele Lindsay	Aye
	Supervisor:	Kenneth English	Aye

2. Formalize plans for the Tuxedo Moving Forward event to be held on June 20, 2020:

**Tuxedo Moving
Forward Event**

The Board finalized the plans with the information below;

- To be held via WebEx
- To be held from 10:00am until 12:00 pm
- The Economic Development Committee will give an overview to Orange County Executive Steve Neuhaus, New York State Senator Jen Metzger and State Assemblyman Karl Brabenec on the things they have been working on
- A slide show will be presented
- We should get the word out via email blasts, press release, ad in The Photo News
- The Board is looking into the Billboard on 17 to possibly put a notice out.
- There will be a panel discussion after the presentation with the committee.

3. Update on the new Website:

New Website

Councilmember McMillen first thanked Councilmember May for working so hard the past couple of weeks that he was away to get the preliminary steps done on the website.

Next Councilmember May touched on the following:

- They are looking into a new Logo.
- They need some professional pictures taken for the site
- They will have a sample site to review soon

4. Zoning Workshop:

Zoning

- Reminder the next Zoning Workshop will be held on Wednesday June 17th at 6:30 pm.
- After the Workshops dates for Public Hearings will be set

DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATE:

Department Update

- **Highway Superintendent Dollbaum touched on the following:**
- The demand for Mulch and compost seems to be slowing up. There is still some available at Quarry Field
- If you see workers on the side of the road please slow down.
- If you see wildlife on the road please slow down.
- They are working on entering all of Highways assets on their new computer system.
- Councilmember May asked Mr. Dollbaum about the dog waste on Quarry field. He told her that there are dumpsters aright there that people can bag and throw their waste in.

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Chief Abbott:

The department is continuing to patrol. Harriman State Park roads are still closed so people are trying to find other places to park.

Bookkeeper:

Brian Sullivan advised the Board that the resolution to approve vouchers will be used instead of the Board signing the original papers.

Town Clerk:

The Town Clerk advised that they will be conducting business as they have been for the past few weeks. Appointments for Licenses, permits, records etc. will be given. No one will enter the Town Hall; the Clerks will meet people in the parking lot with masks on. They will have extra pens so if a document needs to be signed the person will be given a new pen that they will keep so that there will be minimal contact. The Deputy Clerk and Town Clerk will split days and on the alternate day they will work from home.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Resident Sue Scher spoke about a group of people that wanted to hold a protest. They will speak their feelings. They cannot hold this inside due to distancing issues. They would like to work with the police Chief. As of right now they are in the beginning stages of organizing this rally and do not have a date place or time yet. They are not connected with any official organization. It was brought up that if a Town property was used they would have to hold insurance. Deputy Supervisor Lindsay asked Attorney Weiss how to go about getting insurance. She replied she would look into it and give them the information when she had it. Councilmember Reichgott replied anybody can obtain insurance policy for an event. The Town Board agreed they are in support of free speech and citizen involvement. Supervisor English would like to set up meetings between the Board and residents for each section of the Town where residents can come and speak of issues and concerns they have. He reported that there are lingering concerns in the East Village Lucky Park Playground Area which is the host of the Skateboard Park. Town Clerk Matthews stated that there been an issue for a while but since Covid-19 the situation has gotten worse. There is a lot of traffic going in and out of the park. People are coming from out of Town and parking all over, some in the wooded area. ATV's as well as motorcycles have been riding through there and have been some noise complaints. Graffiti marks up all the equipment. Trash is strewn all over. The police have put a saw horse cones and signs for no parking. People move the signs and park there anyway. It is not a safe environment for kids to play. It was suggested signs be put up saying Parks are for residents only. There are a lot of kids coming from other towns. After a discussion the Board decided that they will ask the Highway Superintendent to put up a chain fence prohibiting anyone from entering by vehicle. Deputy Supervisor Lindsay suggested they could apply for a community block grant to pay for the improvements needed in the park.

VOUCHERS

RESOLVED, motion made by Deputy Supervisor Lindsay, seconded by Supervisor English, that the following vouchers, having been audited by the Town Board, are hereby approved for payment:

Claim Numbers 2012916887 through 2012916935

2012916887 – Donna Matthews Town Clerk Petty Cash
2012916925- J. Young Enterprise Paving – Paving & Repairs to parking lots
2012916934 – To purchase Zoom License during Covid-19

Other Business

Vouchers

General Fund :	\$ 11,484.48
Part-Town Fund:	3,826.76
Highway Town Wide :	3,425.00
Highway Part Town:	33,633.15
Hamlet Sewer District:	1,034.97
Total Abstract Amount:	\$ 53,404.36

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	Deputy Supervisor:	Michele Lindsay	Aye
	Supervisor:	Kenneth English	Aye

Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLVED, motion made by Deputy Supervisor Lindsay, seconded by Supervisor English, to adjourn the meeting at 9:59 pm.

ON ROLL-CALL VOTE;	Councilmember:	Maria May	Aye
	Councilmember:	David McMillen	Aye
	Councilmember :	Jay Reichgott	Aye
	Deputy Supervisor:	Michele Lindsay	Aye
	Supervisor:	Kenneth English	Aye

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,



Donna Matthews
Town Clerk
Town of Tuxedo